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Dear Ashleigh

Official Information Act Request – OIA 13229 Alcohol related Harm

On 8 November 2020, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.
- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the age groups of those treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.
- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.
- Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were admitted to Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.
- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the age groups of those admitted to Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period).
- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those admitted at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.
- Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people died from alcohol related harm at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period)
- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the cost for each person who was treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related causes.

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.

Year	Total
2015	984
2016	766
2017	739
2018	746
2019	916
2020	862

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the age groups of those treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.

Year	Age group							Grand Total
	00-04	05-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75+	
2015	3	1	257	277	261	101	84	984
2016	3	7	178	210	215	85	68	766
2017		4	147	243	212	84	49	739
2018	3	5	166	217	256	52	47	746
2019	2	15	223	291	277	84	24	916
2020	2	5	192	282	244	86	51	862

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.

Year	Ethnicity			Grand Total
	Maori	Pacifica	Other	
2015	246	15	723	984
2016	212	11	543	766
2017	177	12	550	739
2018	218	12	516	746
2019	274	21	621	916
2020	268	18	576	862

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people were admitted to Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.

Year	Total
2015	165
2016	184
2017	191
2018	184
2019	170
2020	188

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the age groups of those admitted to Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period).

Year	Age group						Grand Total
	05-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75+	
2015	1	46	36	49	15	18	165
2016	2	42	39	50	26	25	184
2017	3	45	62	48	23	10	191
2018	1	28	48	75	15	17	184
2019	1	31	51	64	17	6	170
2020	1	28	62	66	22	9	188

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the ethnicity of those admitted at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related harm.

Year	Ethnicity			Grand Total
	Maori	Pacifica	Other	
2015	50	2	113	165
2016	51	5	128	184
2017	53	2	136	191
2018	41	3	140	184
2019	42	4	124	170
2020	50	1	137	188

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of how many people died from alcohol related harm at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period)

Year	Died
2015	2
2016	4
2017	1
2018	0
2019	1
2020	3

- Please provide a yearly breakdown of the cost for each person who was treated at Whanganui District Health Board from 2015 to 2020 to date (including through the COVID-19 period) for alcohol related causes.

Year	Average \$	Lowest \$	Highest \$
2018	\$3,022	\$92	\$116,001
2019	\$3,277	\$92	\$331,529
2020	\$3,412	\$107	\$227,971

Notes

- The data presented is for the period 1-Jan-2015 to 31-Oct-2020.
- Treatments include ED presentations, hospital admissions and Mental Health hospital admissions
- Information provided is dependent on the electronically recorded data available
- It is not possible to identify injuries or harm by others with alcohol in their system for inpatient admissions. Information is not recorded in that manner.
- Identifying injuries or harm caused by others with alcohol in their system is often available for ED presentations, however, it is dependent on the information being gathered and recorded appropriately.
- Treatment costs are only available for cases since Feb-2018.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA
co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Russell Simpson
Chief Executive